

SERVICES SUBJECT TO FINANCIAL NEEDS

There are some rehabilitation services provided to individuals with disabilities without regard to economic circumstances of the individual or family.

The following services will be provided without regard to the financial resources available to the individual.

1. Information and referral;
2. Assessments to determine eligibility and priority for services except for non-assessment services provided during an extended evaluation;
3. Assessments to determine vocational rehabilitation needs;
4. Counseling and guidance;
5. Interpreter services;
6. Vocational training (except at institutions of higher education) i.e., on-the-job training, personal adjustment training, and supported employment training;
7. Orientation/mobility services;
8. Reader services, note taker services;
9. Placement services;
10. Personal assistance services
11. Assistive technology services, excluding assistive technology devices.

An economic needs test, which must take into consideration disability related expenses, will be applied as a consideration for the vocational rehabilitation services listed below. Individuals receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are exempt from the economic needs test. However, in order to maximize available funding, all individuals will be encouraged to participate financially to the degree that they can.

1. Physical and mental restoration;
2. Maintenance (other than diagnostic);

3. Transportation (other than diagnostic);
4. Assistive technology devices;
5. Occupational license;
6. Tools, equipment, and initial stock (including livestock) and supplies and necessary shelters;
7. Services to members of an individual's family necessary for the rehabilitation of the individual with a disability; (other than those services normally provided without regard to economic needs);
8. Telecommunications, sensory, and other technological aids and devices for other than evaluation purposes;
9. Post-employment services necessary to assist individuals to maintain suitable employment (other than those services normally provided without regard to economic needs);
10. Other goods and services which can reasonably be expected to benefit the individual in terms of his employability;
11. Higher education.

A financial needs test will be applied to individuals who will receive training or training services in institutions of higher education (universities, colleges, community/junior colleges, vocational schools, technical institutes, or hospital schools of nursing). In these instances, to be eligible for consideration for financial participation from Vocational Rehabilitation, the individual must:

1. Apply for student financial aid at the school; and,
2. Receive **a needs analysis from the financial aids office.**

Vocational Rehabilitation will not duplicate assistance provided through grants, scholarships, or other non-repayment funding.

The combination of student financial assistance and vocational rehabilitation financial participation cannot exceed the budget identified by the school for average school costs. If the individual has additional costs necessary for their rehabilitation and the school does not consider them in the budget, Vocational Rehabilitation can consider them in the total budget.